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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 126, JUNE 20 1977 (SALT TWO-1232)

1. ARTICLE VI: KARPOV TABLED NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR PARAGRAPH 3 AND PARAGRAPH 6 AS FOLLOWS (OFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

ARTICLE VI.3:" ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE V, WHICH UNDERGO CONVERSION FOR MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, SHALL BECOME SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ICBM LAUNCHERS AT A STAGE TO BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION AS DEFINITELY INDICATING THAT THEY ARE BEING SO CONVERTED;

(B) SLBM LAUNCHERS ON A SUBMARINE WHEN THAT SUBMARINE FIRST GOES TO SEA AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR CONVERSION."

ARTICLE VI.YCZ ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE V OF THIS AGREEMENT, UNDERGOING CONVERSION FOR MISSILES NOT EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, CEASE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED LIMITATION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ICBM LAUNCHERS AT A STAGE TO BE AGREED UPON IN
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THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION AS DEFINITELY INDICATING THAT THEY ARE BEING SO CONVERTED;

(B) SLBM LAUNCHERS ON A SUBMARINE WHEN THAT SUBMARINE FIRST GOES TO SEA AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR CONVERSION."

2. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PARAS. 3(A) AND 6(A)

FOCUSED ON INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO SCC. KLOSSON QUESTIONED
NEED FOR REFERENCE IN VIEW OF PROVISION IN XII.2(E); KARPOV
ARGUED THAT REFERENCE APPROPRIATE BASED ON ANALOGY TO PARA. 5
AND FACT THAT SPECIFIC POINT IN CONVERSION PROCESS NOT MENTIONED.
WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED PARAS. 3B) AND 6(B), KLOSSON RAISED
QUESTION OF NEED FOR WORD "COMPLETION" AND ARGUED FOR DELETION
TO REMOVE POSSIBLE SECOND CRITERION WHICH COULD ADD ELEMENT
OF UNCERTAINTY. KARPOV SAID SOVIETS TRIED TO FOLLOW EXAMPLE
OF PARA. 2(B) AND 2(C) AND BELIEVED SIMILAR LANGUAGE SHOULD
BE ACCEPTABLE. US SIDE TOOK PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 23.EARLE

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